A TRVE RELATION OF

Severall Acts, Paſſages and Proceedings, done, undertaken, ſuffered and performed, by Captaine *Robert Lawſon*, now one of the Sheriffes of the City and County of *London-Derry*, upon and ſince the firſt beginning of the great and generall Rebellion in *Ireland*, in ſeverall parts and places within the Province of *Ulſter*.

With a true Copy of his Commiſſion at *Lyſnegarvy*, a Copy of a Letter to Sir *Robert Stewart* from the Commiſſioners, and Copies of his warrants to his two Lievtenants and Quarter-maſter to Command in his abſence, with a true Copy of another Commiſſion for rayſing of men in *London-Derry*, with a true Certificate under the hands of the Colonels, Commiſſioners, and Captaines in generall, touching his carriage in and about *London-Derry*, with his Commiſſion of agencie from the City of *London-Derry* during his abode in *London*.

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ABout the ſixteenth of *October* 1641. before any notice of an Inſurrection of this great and generall Rebellion, Captaine *Lawſon* having occaſion to take a journey from *London-derry* unto *Dublin*, and to to travell by way of *Belfaſt*, to the iron workes within two miles thereof, wherein he had ſome ſtocke and intereſt, tooke his journey from thence with intent to goe for *Dublin* upon Friday the 21. of *October* following, and came and reſted that night in ſafety at *Drummore*, where ariſing early the next morning, being Saturday, tooke his journey towards *Newry*, when upon the way he happened to meete with a ſonne of Sir *Edward Trevers* comming from thence, who related unto him upon enquiry, that the Countrey there was riſing in Rebellion, which he not giving much credit to, went forwards untill he came within a mile of *Newry* to the Bridge there, obſerving and ſeeing upon the way upon ſeverall hils, ten and twenty men in a company, and the Bridge guarded with about 80. men, who offered to aſſault this Captaine, whereupon he obſerving great danger, being accompanied onely with his man, returned backe to *Loughbrickelane*, where he happened to meete with Sir *Thomas Lucas* and Captaine *Armeſtrong*, where after long conference betweene them, a meſſenger approaches, and comes, who did relate the truth of a generall Rebellion in all thoſe parts; upon further conference it was agreed and concluded that the ſaid Captaine *Lawſon* with the reſt ſhould repaire for their reliefe to a houſe of Sir *Edward Trevers*, whither being come, they found there his ſonne *Marke Trevers*, and his wife, and a maid, and an *Iriſh* Agent of his, who was well mounted, and had ſerved his Father ſixteene yeeres, and five *Iriſh* footmen ready to depart thence into another houſe of his Fathers about twelve miles diſtant,

his Father being gone in his Coach about an houre before a by-way from *Newry*, but yet not above a mile or two from *Newry*. So demanding what to doe for best safety, it was agreed amongst them, that they should goe into Sir *Edward Trevers* house, it being a place of some defence; and comming within a mile thereof, they sent their footmen before to the house, and stayed themselves upon the side of a hill, to have intelligence if the house were safe, whereupon one of the boyes in company with them, the rest being fled to the Enemy, returned and acquainted them that Sir *Conn. Mackgennis* had newly taken his Fathers house and himselfe prisoner so considering what to doe, it drawing towards night, it was resolved they should ride all night and goe *Downe-patricke* way, when they presently espied a horseman comming from *Newry*, whereupon Captaine *Lawson* and the *Irish* Agent stayed to enquire for newes, and the rest of the company going forwards, but seeing the Enemies horse halt on the way, and the rest of the company being about a quarter of a mile before: Captaine *Lawson* desired the *Irish* Agent to come along with him forwards in their company, but being well mounted he leaves Captaine *Lawson*, and ridde to the Enemy to *Newry*, and presently rose 80. men, and followed Captaine *Lawson* and his company to *Dondromme*, where they stayed for a short time, in and about halfe an houre after they left it, came the Enemy and tooke it in, where it pleased God to give them a great deliverance, that night being Saturday; and the next morning being Sunday about breake of the day they came to *Downe-patricke*, where they stayed to heare a Sermon, all the Towne being in a great affright.

After which they went forwards and came that night to *Killeleagh* to the Lord *Hamiltons*, where Sir *Thomas Lucas* and the rest stayed, and Captaine *Lawson* thereupon that night procured a man with him from thence, and came in the night by *Comber*, through the Lord of *Ardes* Countrey about by little *Belfast*, and came to great *Belfast*, and up to the Iron workes neare thereunto about three of the clocke in the morning, where his wife was then resident, and having sent severall messengers before to enquire after him, who were taken and robbed. But Captaine *Lawson* not having rested there above two houres, arose, calling two horsemen with him. And in the morning being Munday, went downe backe againe to great *Belfast*, where they found most part of the inhabitants fled, and flying, and carrying away their goods to *Carrickfergus*, and the old Lord *Chichester* shipped aboard in a Ship. So Captaine *Lawson* went throughout the Towne, and blamed them much for offering to leave the Towne, and intreated for some Armes,

either by buying or lending, but could not prevaile. At laſt he found in Maſter *Leſquires* houſe ſeven Muſquets and eight Halberts ready in the ſtreets to be ſhipped for *Carrickefergus*, which Armes he tooke and bought a Drumme, and beating the ſame through the Towne, raiſed about twenty men, who came with him againe up to the Iron works, having Mr. *Forbus*, & ſome number with him joyned with Cap. *Lawſon*, where alſo he gathered in all about 160. horſe & foot, who about two of the clocke upon the ſame Munday in the afternoone, being the 25. of *October*, the ſecond day after the rebellion, marched unto *Liſnegarvy*, and there entred the Towne about foure of the clocke the ſame day, all the people with the Troope there engarriſond, having before left the Towne to the Enemies mercy the Sunday before, and they quartered all that night, in the houſe the Biſhop of *Downe* lived in, and put many Candles in the Market-houſe and Centries out in every quarter of the Towne, making ſhew of ſixe or ſeven lighted matches for every piece to aſtoniſh the Enemy, who came to the Centries that night, intending to have burnt the Town, but our ſhew and carriage was more then our force, the Enemy being ſtrong and many in number, by which meanes they were affrighted and beaten off that night. And The next morning being Tueſday, the Enemy appeared by the Townes end, and drived before them about 400. Cowes, whereupon Captaine *Lawſon* with 45. horſe iſſued forth, leaving the reſt to guard the Towne, and it pleaſed God by their good labour and induſtry they tooke the prey of Cowes, and ſome priſoners, and killing others of the Enemy, and got ſeventeene of their mantles. And after ſending the prey into the Towne, they adventured three miles further, and brought in before night as many more Cowes, and kept them within the Bawne wall of the Biſhops houſe, and all the next night ſecured the Towne alſo. Sir *Conn. Mackgennis* threatning and ſending word he would burne the Towne that night, but it pleaſed God they were prevented and beaten off, and the Towne kept in ſafety, and often iſſued forth amongſt the Enemy to prevent their gathering to a great head, untill at length upon the next day being Wedneſday, the Troope and townesmen came in againe to the Towne, hearing and underſtanding what ſervice Captaine *Lawſon* and his ſmall company of men had done there in ſecuring the ſame, the preſervation whereof under God was a meanes of the ſafety not onely of *Liſnegarvy* and *Belfaſt*, but of moſt of thoſe parts thereabouts. Being the firſt that oppoſed the Enemy in thoſe parts. And at night came thither the Lord of *Ards* forces and the Lord *Hamilton*, Sir *Arthur Firingham*, Captaine

Chichester, Sir *Thomas Lucas*, and Sir *James Montgomery*, and Mr. *Arthur Hill*, with their forces, who gave Captaine *Lawson* and his men great thankes for their good care and service in the Towne, and offered to give him a Commission to enable him to doe more service, which he was very unwilling to accept of, in regard of his Calling, being a Merchant. But being moved by Sir *Thomas Lucas*, accepted thereof, and gave him power thereby to raise as many horse and foote as he pleased in the Counties of *Downe* and *Antrym* (as may appeare by his said Commission) praying him to accept thereof, the said Sir *Thomas Lucas* promising he would acquaint his Majesty with his good service, which the rather encouraged him to accept thereof.

So there being come up to *Lisnegarvy* about 1500. horse and foote, himselfe, his men, and company had their order by their Commission, and quarters about the Iron workes in the Barony of *Belfast*, and then left to the Army about 400. Cowes, and onely brought with him from thence about sixty Cowes for his owne company.

About foure daies their Armies stayed in *Lisnegarvie*, and in that time most of their men went home with some Cowes to *Claneboyes*, and the *Ards*, and Captaine *Chichester*, Sir *Arthur Tiringham*, with some others, went to *Drommore*, where the Enemy approaching upon them, they retired home to their Quarters, by which meanes *Lisnegarvie* was left in a worser case then at first, so as Captaine *Lawson* was forced from time to time upon all Alarms to come up from his Quarters, being three miles off to relieve the Towne. And for the space of a moneth by reason of the often approaches of the Enemies got little rest in day or night, but still in skirmish and assisting the Town, and was at the putting 250. of the Enemy out of Mr. *Rawdons* house neare thereunto, and recovered from them some Lead, with much other goods left therein, and were preserved for the owners, and killed severall of the Enemy at that time and afterwards above ten or more every day, and marched up to *Ballanderry*, and brought many Cowes from thence, put out Mr. *Rory* an Arch-rebell out of his house, losing upon many skirmishes some few of his men, which the Countrey thereabout well knowes, in which service Captaine *Windsor* was, and behaved himselfe gallantly, and severall other times as occasion offered.

At last having gotten notice of a Ship of his which he had fraught-ted with Butter from *Londonderry* to goe for *France*, was stayed there and not suffered to passe. Captaine *Lawson* acquainted Captaine *Chichester*, Sir *Arthur Tiringham*, and the rest of the Commissioners, therewith

with, desiring them to have leave to come to *Derry* to take some course to release her, which they willingly granted, and gave him a Warrant under their hands (as doth appeare) unto his two Lieutenants and Quarter-master to command his company of horse and foote in his absence, being limited for ten dayes and no longer, and withal write their letters in his behalfe to some of the Commissioners at *Londonderry* to take him into their care, and shew him all favour in releasing of his Ship and goods, and setting forth the good services done by him in those parts, as likewise doth appeare. Howbeit the Commissioners at *Derry* at his comming thither taking into consideration the great number of distressed robbed people there, and no shipping there to transport them, he was refused, his goods unshipped, and much spoyled, and much lost, and imbezelled by reason of the distraction of the times, and lost of Advance-money to the Master of the Ship 30.li. Sterling, besides the benefit of his market beyond Seas, and for the defraying of his credit abroad and at home, which was the onely staffe of his livelihood, and might have beene the meanes to have returned a Ship or more of Corne intended for these parts, so as he cannot be lesse dampnified then 600. li. the same ship being afterwards imployed to carry away into *Scotland* about 500. poore soules, which would have perished if that occasion had not beene offered, no other shipping being there resident for the space of fixe moneth's before. So as all his goods so shipped, being Butter, are wholly imployed and disposed for the supply of the severall Regiments, his owne Souldiers and others of the British there.

By reason whereof, and for that the Countrey all about in this time were then broken out into open rebellion, he could not in safety returne backe to his Quarters by Land or by Sea, but was forced to stay in *Derry*; howbeit all his company at the Iron workes still kept on foote for foure moneths together, doing good service all that time, they being at all battels, and skirmishes there with the Enemy, and about ten of his company lost therein, whereof one was Captaine *Boyd* his Souldier at first, and after made a Captaine, whose wife and poore children wholly depend upon Captaine *Lawsons* relieſe; so as he cannot have expended lesse then 1200.li. for the raising, keeping, and maintaining his severall companies there, with Victuals, Munition, and Armes, besides all his stocke at the Iron workes, with the works themselves wholly lost and brought to decay, the Sowe-iron unwrought to the quantity of 2000. li. value, beside much Iron oare, and 1000. tunnes of square timber most burnt by the Souldiers, 1000. loads of Charcoles

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burnt by the Enemy at Forge, Fornace, and in the Woods, with three Gorne Mils, and many houſes burned, and land layed waſte, and all the movables taken away by the Enemy and others, the land and Mils being worth 150. li. *per Annum*. The Mils, Lands, and Woods, wholly belonging to *Robert Barre* Eſquire his Father in Law, onely 2000. li. Sterling which Captaine *Henry Osburne* his brother in Law & he had as a ſtocke on foot therein, which upon the matter is the loſſe of the greateſt part of their three eſtates, the whole loſſe is above 12000. li.

In the interim of which time Captaine *Lawſon* the more to expreſſe his willingneſſe to further his Majeſties ſervice, having a Ship come into *Carrickefergus*, at the firſt of the rebellion, which was laden with 85. tunnes of Salmon for the accompt of him, Captaine *Henry Finch* and Captain *Osburn*, with other goods for *Derry*, and bound for *France*, cauſed the ſame to tranſport from thence to *Dublin*, Sir *Thomas Lucas* & Cap. *Charles Boulton*, where being landed, & the ſhip intending forwards to *France*, was preſently after caſt away worth 2000. l. Sterling, occaſioned by the ſame. And by that conveyance Cap. *Boulton* getting to *Dublin*, ſhortly afterwards brought backe from thence to *Londonderry*, thirty Barrels of Powder, with other Armes and Munition, being the firſt reliefe and ſupply which came thither for the ſupplies of the Regiments, and Souldiers there, without which they had beene utterly loſt and periſhed, as being deſtitute before of any Powder or Armes.

Captaine *Lawſon* not being able by reaſon of the generall rebellion to returne backe from *Derry* unto his charge and companies at *Liſnegarvie* and the parts thereabouts, the Commiſſioners at *Derry* deſired him to make his ſtay there, it being the place of his moſt aboade and dwelling, and were pleaſed to give him another Commiſſion to raiſe a company there, which he out of a deſire and zeale to the publike ſervice did at his owne coſt, conſiſting of 150. foote and eleven horſe, and were there lately ſo muſtered by the Commiſſary, which company of horſe and foote he hath kept, maintained, and continued at his owne charge by weekly pay of two ſhil. ſix pence weekly, from the firſt of *December* 1641. & 100. beſide officers ſtill continued on foot by his weekely pay; and hath iſſued and delivered out about 4000. Deale boards to make ſeverall houſes with timber, Planckes and Nailes to receive the Souldiers, their wives and children in the dead of Winter, moſt of them having beene men of good ability and houſholders, neither hath he beene wanting on his part for and towards the repairing of the decayed wals, gates, and ramparts of the City, and doing other neceſſary

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workes there, and hath begunne a trench without the wals of the City of good conſequence, intended to be perfected; for all which he cannot have expended leſſe, to our underſtanding, then 5000. li. Sterling, beſid s his loſſe of ſeverall houſes, goods, and commodities at *Strabane*, all burned and conſumed, to the value of 1500. li. Sterling, and the want of his meanes and imployment (as being a Merchant-adventurer to the Seas) and having great debts abroad in the Rebels hands, and others, who are poore diſtreſſed people and not able to make any ſatisfaction.

All which premiſſes conſidered, as by certificate in them the ſaid doth appeare, are of opinion that Captaine *Lawſons* paines, zeale, valour, care, and ſervice hath juſtly demerited a good reward, and a conſideration to be had of his great loſſes ſuſtained, being the firſt that oppoſed the Enemy in the Kingdome, at and about *Lyſnegarvy*, by which meanes under God, we enjoy moſt of the County about, in regard it was ſo ſuddenly oppoſed, being upon the Munday following, the 25. of *October* 1641.

A true Copy of a Commiſsion at *Liſnegarvy*, 28. October. 1641.

By the honourable Captaine Arthur Chicheſter, *and* Sir Arthur Terringham *Knight, commanding in the Army againſt the Rebels, &c.*

WHereas we finde that Captaine *Robert Lawſon* is willing to imploy his owne ſervice and paines together with ſuch forces as he hath now a foote or can raiſe, in defending and preſerving the ſeverall Counties of *Downe* and *Antrim*, and eſpecially in the Barony of *Belfaſt*: Theſe are therefore to pray and authorize him ſo to doe for the furtherance of his Majeſties ſervice in ſuppreſſing the Rebels now up in Arm s, and we doe hereby ſtraightly charge and require all his Majeſties Officers and loyall Subjects to be aiding and aſſiſting to him in that ſervice, and to be ready from time to time to relieve him and his companies with proviſion and other neceſſaries during his ſaid imployment, and that he faile not to give us daily intelligence of his proceedings therein. And for his ſo doing, this ſhall be his Warrant, given

under our hands from his Majesties Army in *Lisnegarvy*, this 28. day of *October* 1641.

Arthur Chichester.
Arthur Tirringham.

A true Copy of a Licence when I came to *Derry*, and Commission to my two Lieutenants and Quarter-master to command in my absence.

By the Honourable Captaine Arthur Chichester *and Sir* Arthur Tyrringham *Knight, Governour, &c. and Commissioners for his Majesties present service against the Rebels.*

WHereas we have Licenced Captaine *Robert Lawson* to be absent from his charge for the space of ten dayes, these are to require and authorise you Lieutenant *Clugstone* and Lieutenant *Hannay*, and Quarter-master *Stewart* to governe and command the said Captaines Troope and company in his absence, and reduce them all to one body according as they were first entred and enlisted under his command, and that you and they receive your further directions from us: and we doe hereby require you to enquire and search out what wearing clothes or other goods the Souldiers have pillaged out of Master *Roydens* house or elsewhere, and that you faile not to seaze upon the said goods, and to take them unto your charge, and especially those taken by one *Pwrdy*. And having received the same unto your hands, you are to keepe and dispose them or any other goods that hereafter shall be so pillaged by any of the said company or such as shall follow them according as your Captaine shall appoint and direct, whereof you are not to faile as you will answer the contrary at your perils. Given under our hands at *Carrickefergus* the 16. of *November* 1641.

Arthur Chichester.

Arthur Tyrringham.

A true Copy of Sir *Arthur Chicheſter* and Sir *Arthur Tyrringhams* Letter to Sir *Robert Stewart*.

Noble Sir,

IT is the beſt right we can doe Capt. *Robert Lawſon* in part of recompence for the good ſervice he hath done here againſt the Rebels to recommend him and his occaſions in your parts to your care and favour: he informed us of a Ship of his that is now a loading at *Derry*, and feares in regard of theſe troubles it will not be ſuffered to carry away his goods, by which meanes he is like to under-goe much loſſe and dammage, we ſhall therefore intreat you for our ſakes to countenance his buſineſſe there, and to procure his Ship and goods a free paſſage, we are confident you will not be backward to favour ſo deſerving a man, which is earneſtly deſired by thoſe that will be moſt ready to expreſſe our ſelves,

Carrickefergus, *Novemb.* 6. 1641.

Your very affectionate friends,

Arthur Chicheſter.
Arthur Tyrringham.

We finde him ſo able a man that we have ſtaied him here, and given him a command; he hath ſupplied us being deſtitute of any meanes of ſending intelligence to the State with a Ship, though it was bound for *France*.

A true Copy of a Licence to tranſport my wife and goods to *Derry*.

KNow all men by theſe preſents, that we have licenced Captaine *Robert Lawſon*, to convey and bring his wife and family with their goods to the Towne of *London-derry*, and doe therefore ſtraightly require all his Majeſties Officers and loving Subjects, to aſſiſt and aid them in their journey with their ſaid goods, as they will anſwer the contrary at their perils. Given under our hands at *Carrickefergus* the ſixth day of *November* 1641.

Arthur Chicheſter.
Arthur Tirringham.

A true Copy of *London derry* Commiſsion.

WHereas by his Majeſties Commiſſion under the hands of the Right Honourable Sir *William Parſons* and Sir *John Borlaſe* Knights, now Lords Juſtices of this Kingdome of *Ireland*, and others of the Honourable Privy Councell of the ſame Kingdome, to us and others directed, bearing date the eighteenth day of *November* laſt paſt; whereby we or any one of us joyntly or ſeverally are required and authoriſed to levie, arme, and array all ſuch forces both of foote and horſe of the *Britiſh* Nation, within the ſeverall Counties of *Tyrone*, *London-derry*, *Donnagall*, *Cavan*, *Armagh*, and *Fermanagh*, all, or any of them, and alſo to divide, diſtribute, and diſpoſe the ſaid forces into Troopes or ſeverall Companies, and to appoint Officers and Commanders over them. Now by vertue of the foreſaid Commiſſion, we doe hereby nominate, ordaine, and appoint *Robert Lawſon* Merchant, and one of the Burgeſſes of the City of *London-derry* to be Captaine and Commander of one hundred men of the *Britiſh* Nation, and he to appoint ſuch Officers under him for the commanding and due ordering of his ſaid company as he ſhall know and approve to be men of diſcretion, care and truſt to diſcharge the Offices whereunto they ſhall be elected and appointed by him. And we doe hereby authorize the ſaid *Robert Lawſon* to joyne his ſaid company with any other his Majeſties forces for the defence of the foreſaid City of *London-derry*, or in purſuing, ſlaying, and deſtroying any of the Rebels, and for the taking and ſurpriſing any of the Holds or Forts now poſſeſſed by them or any of them if occaſion ſhall ſo require. And we doe hereby require and command all ſuch perſons as ſhall be entred in the Liſt, and under the command of the ſaid *Robert Lawſon* to render all due obedience to him and his Officers as by them in point of Martiall affaires they or any of them ſhall be commanded and required, as they will anſwer at their perils. Given under our hands and ſeales at the City of *London-Derry*, the fifth day of *December* 1641.

To *Robert Lawſon* Burgeſſe.

John Vaughan.

Henry Vaughan.

Dudley Phillips.

A true Copy of a Commiſsion from the City of *London-derry* to *London*.

VVE the Major of the City of *London-Derry*, in the Kingdome of *Ireland*, and Sir *John Vaughan* Knight, one of his Majeſties Honourable Privy Councell of the ſaid Kingdome, and others the Aldermen and Captaine of the aforeſaid City, hereunto ſubſcribing, having important occaſion at this preſent to imploy an Agent of eſpeciall truſt into *England* for the publike good, and better ſafety of this City and the Countrey adjoyning, in regard of the eminent danger the ſame are in, in reſpect of the generall Rebellion of the Natives of this Kingdome; Have thought fit to imploy the Bearer hereof *Robert Lawſon*, one of the Sheriffes of the ſaid City, and Captaine of a foote company of Souldiers now ingarriſoned in the ſame City to be our Agent in the foreſaid buſineſſe, who intendeth by the aſſiſtance of Almighty God with all poſſible ſpeede to paſſe into the Kingdome of *England*, there to expedite our affaires, and afterwards to make his returne hither. We therefore doe pray and deſire all his Majeſties Officers, Miniſters, and loving Subjects of any his Highneſſe Realmes and Dominions, to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come to be ſeene, to take notice hereof, and to permit the ſaid *Robert Lawſon* to paſſe and repaſſe both by Sea and Land without trouble or moleſtation either in body or goods, and to aſſiſt him if need require with Poſt-horſes, or any other thing needfull in his journey, and returne hither as they and every of them tender his Majeſties ſervice, and the welfare of this part of his Majeſties Kingdome, in teſtimony whereof we have hereunto ſet our hands, and cauſed the Seale of Maioralty of the foreſaid City to be hereto affixed at the ſaid City, the 23. day of *September*, *Anno Dom.* 1642. *Annoque Reg. Car.* 18.

John Vaughan.

Henry Vaughan.

John Kilner.

Robert Thorneton Major.

Simon Pits.

Henry Finch.

A true Copy of a Certificate of the Commissioners, Colonels, Captaines, and Commanders, of Captaine *Lawsons* carriage in and about *London-derry*, and *Lisnegarvy*, and the Country adjoyning.

TO all Christian people unto whom these Presents shall come, We Sir *William Stewart* Knight and Baronet, Sir *John Vaughan* Knight, two of his Majesties most Honourable Privy Councell of *Ireland*, Sir *Robert Stewart* Knight, and other his Majesties Commissioners, Captaines and Commanders of the severall Regiments under the command of the said Sir *William Stewart*, Sir *Robert Stewart*, and Sir *Ralph Gore* Knight and Colonell, lately deceased, here under subscribing, doe hereby certifie, That whereas by vertue of severall Commissions to some of us and others directed from the Right Honourable the Lords, Justices, and Councell of *Ireland*, bearing date the 27. of October last, a Commission issued amongst others, to *Robert Lawson*, one of the Sheriffes of the City and County of *London-derry*, to raise and arme a company and number of men to consist of one hundred and upwards for the safe keeping of the said City and County and the Countrey adjoyning, and opposing the Rebels, who thereupon with great expedition, care, and carriage, raised, armed, and maintained from the first of *December* last past, at his owne cost and charges one foote company of 150. foote and a Troope of eleven horse which have beene so lately mustered, have by the Commissary, with which company of foot being joyned with other companies within the City, he hath carefully watched and guarded the said City, being a place of great importance, and joyned with the other companies, in repairing the decayed wals, rampiers, and gates thereof, and hath also at all needfull times, and upon all offered occasions by himselfe in person, and with his company of horse and foote marched forth and joyned with our Regiments, and given battell to the Enemies with us in the greatest services that have beene done in the Countries of *Tyrone*, *Donnegall*, and *London-derry*, alwayes furnishing his men, and carrying victuals and provisions for them without putting the Countrey to any charge, having accompanied us at many good skirmishes, set battels, and hard encounters with the Rebels, and some time adventured abroad, and done good service with his owne company; And we doe hereby sincerely acknowledge that the said Captaine *Lawson* with other the City companies have under God beene no small meanes for the preser-

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vation, not onely of the ſaid City, but of this part of *Vlſter*. And that we without the aſſiſtance of the ſaid City companies could not have ſo well ſubſiſted. And we doe further declare that Captaine *Lawſon* hath taken great care in training and exerciſing his company, that they are expert ready Souldiers; and if it pleaſe his Majeſty and his Honourable Court of Parliament ſo to eſteeme of him and his company, he hath well demerited good pay and reward, as well for his ſervice done in theſe parts, as for the like by him done and performed at *Liſnegarvy*, and the parts thereabouts at the firſt Inſurrection of this Rebellion, as is intimated and ſignified unto ſome of us under the hands of divers Honourable perſons in this Kingdome, which we have ſeene and peruſed, and give good credit thereunto; and we do alſo certifie on the behalfe of the ſaid Captaine *Lawſon* that he hath iſſued and delivered without any payment or ſatisfaction the number of 4000. Deale-boards together with Timber, Iron, and Nailes, wherewith to erect and ſet up ſeverall houſes for the lodging and receiving of the Souldiers, other poore diſtreſſed people within the City reſorting thither for reliefe in the dead time of winter, without which many of them otherwiſe had periſhed and beene loſt, the moſt part of the houſes in the Suburbs being pulled downe in feare of the Enemies approach. And having a Ship laden at *Derry* upon the firſt beginning of this Rebellion, with a great quantity of Butter to be tranſported for *France*, did afterwards unlade the ſame Butter, and diſtributed the ſame by times, by our order, amongſt the Souldiers and others for their reliefe, without any payment. By which meanes he loſt 30. li. of Advance-money to the Maſter of the Ship, the loſſe of the benefit of his markets abroad, and preſervation of his credit at home and abroad, beſides his loſſe at the Iron workes above *Belfaſt*, amounting to a great value, and his loſſe and dammage ſuſtained by ſeverall houſes, goods, and commodities burned and conſumed at *Strabane* of great worth, and great debts abroad in the Rebels hands, much on the behalfe of the ſaid Captaine *Lawſon*, we doe certifie to be true, beſides other good ſervices performed by his owne hands in killing and cutting of ſome of the Arch-rebels, and in teſtimony of the truth hereof, we have here under ſubſcribed this 16. day of *September*, *Anno Dom.* 1642. *An. R.Car. Angl. &c. decimo octavo.*

Robert Thorneton Major.
Henry Vaughan.
Robert Culbreth.
Simon Pitts.
Henry Finch.
John Vaughan.
Robert Stewart.
Edward Maxwell.
Thomas Faireſax.
John Stewart.
William Stewart.
William Simpill.
James Gulbreth.
Thomas Dutton.